

THE
Catechist
OR,
BRIEF INSTRUCTION
In the
Faith }
AND } Of the Gospel.
Order }
For the
CHURCH of CHRIST,
Under the Pastoral Care of
Joseph Jacob, a Servant of CHRIST Crucify'd.

I JOHN II.

I have written unto you Fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you Young Men, because ye are strong, and the Word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one: I have written unto you, Little Children, because your Sins are forgiven you for his Name sake, and ye have known the Father.

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The P R E F A C E.

This Catechism contains only Scripture Truths, such as have been profess'd by Orthodox Christians of all Denominations all along; I have chose indeed, in a more Familiar Stile, than most I have met with, to express the Truth, but I have still kept unto the receiv'd Sense thereof. The last Chapter only can seem uncouth, to any that are acquainted in any measure with the true Principles of Christian Doctrine; but be assur'd (Reader) it contains not any thing, tho not so obvious to every ones Understanding, but plain Scripture Truth, and the Declaration of Saints in all Ages concerning the Churches of Christ: I could indeed have larg'd it abundantly, and have run a profitable Parallel between Christ's Virgin Church and Antichrist's Harlotry, showing the beautiful Symmetry of the one, and the vicious Deformity of the other, but I studied brevity there, and here I want scope to insist on these things at length. Only let me tell the Reader, that from this short Description here given of Christ's true Church, he may be able to know and judg aright of false Churches: For Instance, More generally, Christ's visible Church is known by its Scriptural FAITH and ORDER, which are the very Beauty and Bands of every Bride of Christ. Those Churches then, which have not a true Scriptural FAITH, and thereto joyn'd a true Scriptural ORDER, where their FAITH is good, yet if their ORDER be bad, (tho these two can't consist together) much more where there is a visible want, both of sound FAITH, and good ORDER, can these be reckon'd true Churches of Christ? More particularly, Christ's true Church is built upon seven Pillars, [right Foundation, Matter, Form, Officers, Ordinances, Order and End.] Now can those be true Churches where any, much more where all of these seven Pillars are wanting? For Instance, 1. Where the Foundation is not Christ alone, but humane Laws, Edicts, Constitutions, Policy, Purse, Power, &c. can there be a true Church of Christ? 2. Where the Matter is not visible Believers, and their Seed, and no more of these to every Church, than can assemble in one place, but a Nation or Nations by the lump, mixt Routs, Congregations, or at best, a Mesh of grown people excluding their Infants; can

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can there be a true Church of Christ ? 3. Where the Form of a Church is not by Covenant, but only by Cobabituation, Congregation, or any other such common way, can we say there is a true Church of Christ ? 4. Where the Officers are not Pastor and Deacons, with their helps, but Popes, Cardinals, Lordly Prelates, Friars, Monks, two Pastors in one Church, Hackney Preachers, Lads, and the like : can that be said to be a true Church of Christ ? 5. Where the Ordinances are not duly distinguish'd into more general, and special, and so dispenc'd four more generally to all, and four more peculiarly to the Church only, but are huddled up, and dispenc'd promiscuously, where singing, praying, preaching, and contribution, are perform'd in a wrong manner ; where Baptism is too strictly, or too largely dispenc'd, some admitting any to it, and others denying it to the Infants of Believers, some spitting, &c. others plunging for baptizing ; where the Lord's Supper is taken in a wrong posture, or season ; where Church Fellowship, and Church Censure are utterly unknown, or not duly exercis'd ; how can here be said to be a true Church of Christ ? 6. Where the Order of a Church is not taken from the Word of God alone, but from Traditions, Canons, Custom, Councils, Fathers, Popes, Prelates, Churches, Ministers, &c. can there be a true Church of Christ ? 7. Where the End of a Church is not Gods Glory, and the good of Souls, but Interest, Grandeur, worldly Honour, Profit, or Praise of Men ; can this be call'd a true Church of Christ ? Thus Reader thou mayest judge of wrong, and condemn it by what is right, hereby thou mayest know how to chuse the Good, and to refuse the Evil, hereby thou mayest distinguish between the many pretended Virgins, barefac't Concubines, counterfeit Wives, and the true Dove, and undefiled Church of Christ, the only one of her Mother, the choice one of her that bare her, whom tho the Daughters see and bless, and the Queens and Concubines praise, yet dare they not joyn themselves to her, for that she looks forth as the Morn, fair as the Moon, clear as the Sun, and terrible as an Army with Banners : But of these things I may not now speak at large ; Consider what I say, and the Lord give thee a good Understanding in all things. Amen ! [Cant. 6.8.10. Act. 5.13. 2 Tim. 2.7.]

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OF THE
Catechism.

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Soul; which savingly experienc'd, will draw forth Desires to understand

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The *Former Part* of the *Catechism* contains those Truths that are more *generally* receiv'd, which are given in shorter *Lessons*, and shorter *Answers*, as *Milk for Babes*: By the good Digestion of which the Capacity will be enlarg'd to receive the Truths that *follow*, which are contain'd in larger *Lessons*, and longer *Answers*, that the Truth might be kept in an *intire Proposition*, and not *mangled* by *many Questions*; and for this there was a more *special* Necessity in the instruction about *glorifying God in his Churches*; Which is the *strong meat* belonging to them that are of more *full age*, who by reason of *Use* have their Sences exercis'd to discern both good and evil: Upon this *strong meat* the *spiritual man* will heartily feed; for only *Babes* and *carnal* feed altogether upon *Milk*.

The

The First Lesson. of G O D.

Question 1.

W H A T are You?

Answer.

By Nature I am a poor lost Sinner
against God.

*Rom. 3.9. to 20.
Eph. 2.1. 3.12.*

Question 2. *What is God?*

Answer. G O D is the Eternal,
Almighty Spirit, who made *All* things
by His *Power*, and orders *All* things by
his *Providence*, whom no Man hath
seen, or can see.

*John 4. 24.
Rom. 1. 20.
Isa. 44. 24.
Dan. 4. 35.
1 Tim. 6. 16.*

Question 3. *How then shall we know
God?*

Answer. G O D is known partly by
Conscience within us; and by his *Works*
without us; But more fully by his
Written *Word*.

*Rom. 1.19,20.
Psal. 19. all.
Psal. 138. 2.*

Question 4. *How shall we know God
by Conscience within us?*

Answer. G O D hath shown *all* Men
somewhat of Himself by Natural Reason,
and *Conscience* within them; witnessing
(tho' darkly) that there is a Just and
Holy God.

*Rom. 2.14,15.
Prov. 20. 27.
Rom. 1. 21.*

Question 5. *How do the Works of God make him known?*

Psalm 8. all.
Jer. 10. 12.
Acts 14. 17.
Rom. 1. 20.

Answer. The Heavens, the Earth, the Seas, and *all* things therein, shew forth the Power, Wisdom, and Goodness of G O D the Maker of all, so that *All* are without Excuse.

Question 6. *How doth the Written Word reveal God more clearly?*

1 John 5. 7.
Isa. 43.10,11.
1 Thess. 1. 9.
Psal. 83.18. &
Psal. 96. 5.
1 Cor. 8. 4.6.

Answer. The Written Word of God reveals, That there are *Three* in Heaven, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and these *Three* are *One* Living and True G O D, whose Name alone is *JEHOVAH*, and *all* other Gods are Idols.

Question 7. *How can it be that there are Three Persons in the Godhead, and yet but ONE God?*

Joh 11.7,8.9.
36. 26.
37. 19, 23,
24.
Prov. 30. 4, 5.

2 Chro. 20.20.

Answer. 'Tis impossible for any Man to comprehend the unsearchable Mystery of the *Trinity in Unity*, or *Three Persons in the Godhead*: We should therefore readily believe whatsoever G O D reveals of Himself in His Word, since none in *all* his *Creation* can find him out to Perfection!

*The Second Lesson
About the Decrees and
Creation.*

Question 1.

WHY did God create all things?

Answer.

GOD the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Blessed and Happy in the Enjoyment of Himself from all Eternity, Decreed to Create all things, to show forth his Glory in Christ Jesus.

*Isa. 57. 15.
1 Tim. 6. 16.
Col. 1. 16.
Rev. 4. 11.*

Question 2. *What are God's Eternal Decrees?*

Answer. GOD's Eternal Decrees are his Purpose, and his Counsel in himself, before any thing was, fore-ordinating all Persons and Things that ever should be.

*Acts 15. 18.
17. 26.
Isa. 14. 24.
45. 10.*

Question 3. *When did God make all things?*

Answer. In the beginning God created the Heaven, the Earth, the Seas, and all things therein in Six Days.

*Gen. 1. 1. 9,
10,31.*

Question 4. *Of what did God make all things?*

Answer. GOD made all things of Nothing, so that the things which are seen, were not made of things which do appear.

*Job 26. 7.
Heb. 11. 3.*

Question 5. *How did God create all things?*

*John 1. 3.
Heb. 1. 2, 10.
Col. 1. 16.*

*Gen. 1.27-31.
Eccl. 7. 29.*

*Heb. 1. 7. 14.
Psal. 103. 20.
104. 4.*

*Gen. 2. 7.
Matth. 10.28.
Gen. 1. 27.
Eccl. 7. 29.
Gen. 3. 20.*

*Gen.2. 8.16,17
* Note, 'Twas
a Law given to
Man, not a
Covenant of
Works made
with Man.*

Answer. G O D created all things by his Son Jesus Christ, whom he appointed *Lord* and *Heir* of all.

Question 6. *In what State did God make all things?*

Answer. G O D made Angels and Man, and *all* things *very good*.

Question 7. *What are Angels?*

Answer. Angels are Ministering Spirits, mighty in Strength, to wait about the Throne of G O D, and to do all his Commands.

Question 8. *What Creature is Man?*

Answer. G O D form'd Man of the *Dust* of the ground, and gave him an immortal *Soul*; so God created *Man* in his own Image, upright, *Male* and *Female* Created he them, and they were call'd *Adam* and *Eve*.

Question 9. *What did God do with Man when he made him?*

Answer. The Lord God took Man, and put him into the Garden of *Eden*, and gave him a *Law* *, forbidding him to eat of the Tree of Knowledge: for in the day he eat thereof he should surely die.

The

*The Third Lesson.**About the Fall, and the Fruits of it.*

Question 1.

*How long did Man continue Upright?**Answer.*

Man that was in Honour, abode not for a Night, but by sinning against God, fell from his Innocency and Uprightness.

Ps. 49. 12. Heb.
Gen. 3. 6.
Eccl. 7. 29.

Question 2, *How came Man to fall by Sin?*

Answer. Man being left to the Freedomin of his own Will, fell into Sin thro' the Temptation of that old Serpent, the *Devil*, in transgressing the Law giv'n him by God.

Ge. 3. 6, 7, 8, 13

John 8. 44.

Question 3. *What Creature is the Devil?*

Answer. The *Devil* was once an Angel of Light, but rebelling against GOD, and drawing other Angels with him, they were *all* condemn'd into Hell for their Pride; and now these Devils go about as *roaring Lions* seeking whom they *may* devour.

Job 4. 18.
2 Pet. 2. 4.
Jude 6.
1 Tim. 3. 6.
1 Pet. 5. 8.

Question

Question 4. *What was that Sin by which the Devil tempted Man to fall from God?*

*Gen. 3. 1. to 7.
1 Tim. 2. 14.
2 Cor. 11. 3.*

Answer. The Devil in the Serpent tempted the Woman to eat of the forbidden fruit, and She, being first deceiv'd, tempted her Husband to eat with her, by which they both fell from God.

*Gen. 2. 17.
3. 16. 19.
Rom. 5. 12.
8. 22.*

Question 5. *What follow'd Man's falling from God?*

Answer. Adam and Eve falling from GOD, receiv'd the Sentence of Death, that is, dreadful Misery to themselves, to their Posterity, and to all the Creation subjected to them.

*Rom. 3. 24.
Gen. 3. 7, 10.
16.
19.
23.
24.*

Question 6. *What special Misery came on Adam and Eve by the Fall?*

Answer. As soon as Adam and Eve fell they died spiritually, that is, they lost the Image of GOD in their Souls, and they saw that they were Naked, or expos'd to all manner of Death, and were driven out of Paradise.

*1 Co. 15. 21, 22.
Rom. 5. 12, 14,
17, 18.*

Question 7. *What Misery came on Adams Posterity by his Fall?*

Answer. All Mankind being the Sons and Daughters of Adam, and in his Loins, sinn'd in him, and so Death past upon them all, therefore all are born in spiritual Death, under the Sentence of eternal Death, and undergo the natural death of the Body.

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Question 8. *I find then that the death of the Body is the fruit of Sin; But what is that spiritual Death all are born in?*

Answer. The spiritual death all are born in, is the loss of God's Image in the Soul, all being conceiv'd in Sin, and born without any Righteousness, full of all evil, having their *minds* blinded, their *Consciences* defil'd, their *Hearts* harden'd, their *Wills* corrupted, their *Affections* perverted, and going *astray* from the Womb; and all this is call'd *Original Sin*.

Question 9. *What is that Eternal Death to which all are expos'd?*

Answer. All the Children of *Adam* by Nature are born under the Sentence of *Eternal Death*, which is, being separated from *GOD* for ever in *Hell*; this *all* deserve, and would feel, if the Lord had not chosen in *Christ* a remnant, to escape the *Wrath* to come.

Question 10. *What Misery came on the rest of the Creation by Adam's Fall?*

Answer. The Ground was cursed for *Adam's* sake, and so brings forth *Briars* and *Thorns*; yea, because of this the *whole* Creation groaneth.

Question 11. *Can any Man help himself out of this miserable State?*

Answer. There is no Man can by any Means redeem his *own* Soul, nor give to *GOD* a Ransom for himself, or for *any* of the Creation from this dreadful Misery.

The

Rom. 3. 9, 19.
Psal. 51. 5.
Rom. 3. 10, 14.
Ephes. 4. 18.
Titus 1. 15.
Zeck. 7. 12.
Titus 3. 3.
Psalm 58. 3.

Rom. 3. 9.
with 6. 23.
Rom. 5. 12, 14.
Isa. 1. 9.
Rom. 9. 29.
11. 5, 7.
I Thess. 5. 9.

Gen. 3. 17, 18.
Rom. 8. 20, 22.

Psal. 49. 7, 8.
Hosea 13. 9.

The Fourth Lesson

About Redemption by the Person of CHRIST.

Question 1.

DID God leave all *Men* in this miserable condition to perish for ever?

Answer. GOD did not leave all Men to perish in their Misery, but presently upon *Adam's* Fall, reveal'd to him Salvation by *Jesus Christ*, the Seed of the Woman.

Gen. 3. 8, 15.
with *Heb. 2.*
14, 16.

John 3. 16.
1 Tim. 3. 16.
Math. 1. 21, 23

1 Tim. 3. 16.
Heb. 2. 14.
7. 26.
Math. 1. 23.

Luke 1. 35.
Math. 1. 18.
2. 1.

Question 2. Who is *Jesus Christ*?

Answer. Jesus Christ is the only Begotten Son of God, *God* and *Man* in *One Person*, the only Saviour of Sinners.

Question 3. How can *Jesus Christ* be *God* and *Man* in *One Person*?

Answer. This is the great Mystery of Godliness, that Jesus Christ being *Very God* took on him the Nature of *Man*, yet without Sin, and so in *One Person* is *both* God and Man.

Question 4. How did *Jesus Christ* the Son of God take our Nature upon him?

Answer. The Holy Spirit overshadowing the *Virgin Mary*, she conceiv'd, and that Holy Thing that was Born of her in

In *Bethlehem* in *Judea*, was Jesus Christ the Son of the Most High God !

Luke 1. 32.

Question 5. *Why was Jesus Christ Born into the World?*

Answer. Jesus Christ came into the World to save Sinners, as being *Mediator* between God and Men.

1 Tim. 1. 15.
2. 5.

Question 6. *How doth Jesus Christ save Sinners?*

Answer. Jesus Christ saves Sinners *freely* by his Grace, without any Conditions or Qualifications done by them, he being the only *Priest* to atone for them, by the Sacrifice of himself; the true *Prophet* to teach them by his Word and Spirit; by which also as *King* he Rules them.

Ephes. 2. 8.
Titus 3. 4, 5.
2 Tim. 1. 9.
Isa. 52. 3.
Heb. 7. 24, 25.
Acts 3. 20, 26.
Psalm 110. *all*
and 2. 2, 6.

Question 7. *How is Jesus Christ Mediator between God and Men?*

Answer. Jesus Christ is the *Mediator* between God and Men, as he makes up the Breach between an *offended* God, and *offending* Men, according to the Everlasting Covenant of Grace.

Heb. 9. 14, 15.
Eph. 2. 13, 16.

Question 8. *What is th: Everlasting Covenant of Grace?*

Answer. The Covenant of Grace is the Eternal Agreement of the *Father* with the *Son*, in which the Father on the part of the Godhead promis'd to the Son, Eternal Life for all the Elect, upon his

Psal. 89. 3.
28 to 38.
Isa. 53. 10, 11.
Psal. 40. 6, 8.

Isa. 26. 12.

his performing *all* Conditions, for and in them that shall be sav'd.

Question 9. But is not the Covenant of Grace made with Men?

Answer. The Covenant of Grace is made only with Jesus Christ as the Head and Representative of the Elect, to whom, when they believe, 'tis made over as a *Promise* in a gracious *Church-Covenant*, founded upon it, and made with the Saints *before* Christ came in the flesh; and since by him renew'd to the Church, and their Seed; which is call'd the *first* and *second* Covenant.

Question 10. But are not Men to perform some of the Conditions of the Covenant of Grace?

Answer. No Man can perform *any one* Condition of the Covenant for Salvation; Jesus Christ doth all *for* his People that procures their Salvation, and all *in* them to make them lay hold of this Salvation, and so gives the Covenant of Grace, as a Free *Promise*, or Testament to them in his Blood, therefore he is call'd the *Covenant*.

Question 11. How doth Jesus Christ according to the Covenant of Grace, make up the Breach between God and Man?

Answer. Jesus Christ makes up the Breach between God and Man as his People's *Surety* in their *Stead*; being made

*2 Cor. 3. 5.**Isa. 26. 12.**Phil. 2. 13.**Eph. 2. 8.**2 Tim. 1. 1.**1 Cor. 11. 25.**Isa. 55. 3.**49. 8.**Heb. 7. 22.**2 Cor. 5. 21.*

made under the Law, *obeying* it perfectly in his Life, and *dying* the shameful Death of the Cross under the Curse of it, and *rising* again the Third Day, he so fulfill'd *all* Conditions of Life, and Salvation for them.

Gal. 4. 4, 5.
Matth. 5. 17.
Gal. 3. 13.
1 Cor. 15. 3, 4.
Rom. 1. 3, 4.
and 4. 25.

Question 12. *Why was it needful that Jesus Christ should be God and Man to make up this Breach?*

Answer. It was needful that Christ should be *Man* to *obey* the Law, and die under its Curse in the *same* Nature that sinn'd; and also *God*, to *support* him under, and give a *value* to all that he *did*, and *suffer'd* for the Salvation of his People.

Heb. 2. 14, 16.

Acts 20. 28.

Question 13. *Is there no Salvation to be had but by Jesus Christ God-Man?*

Answer. There is *no* Salvation in *any* other but Jesus Christ; for there is *none* other Name under Heaven given among Men, whereby we must be sav'd but by *Jesus Christ*, who *died* for our Sins, and *rose again* for our Justification!

Acts 4. 12.
Ifa. 43. 11.
Rom. 4. 25.

The

*The Fifth Lesson.**About the Application of
Redemption.*

Question 1.

WILL Jesus Christ save all Men?*Answer.*

Jesus Christ so saves *all* the World from present destruction, that *all* men have some *outward* Benefits by his Ransom; but he doth only save a *certain number* from Eternal Death, whence he is said *specially* to save them that believe.

Question 2. *Who are those that Jesus Christ will save from Eternal Death?*

Answer. Jesus Christ saves none from Eternal Death but the *Elect*, those that were chosen to Salvation before the foundation of the World; the *rest* die in their Sins and are damn'd, notwithstanding all the *good things* they enjoy in *this life* by Christ.

Question 3. *How comes it that only some are elected?*

Answer. It pleas'd God of his own Will, for the manifestation of his glory, to chuse *some* to everlasting life, and to appoint *others* to Condemnation;

nor

Psal. 36. 6. with
1 Tim. 4. 10.
Heb. 2. 9, 10.
Rom. 9. 27.
1 Tim. 4, 10.

Job. 17. 2, 9,
12, 19.
Rom. 11. 5, 7.
2 Thess. 2. 11, 14

Luke 16. 25.

Ephes. 4. 5, 11.
Rom. 9. 11. to
24.
Prov. 16. 4.
1 Pet. 2. 8, 9.

or doth he give any other account of his doings, but his own Sovereign Will and Pleasure.

Jude 4.
Job 33. 13.

Question 4. *But did not God chuse the Elect for some good he saw in them more than in the rest?*

Answer. There could be no more good foreseen in the Creature than what God did fore-ordain; therefore God chose not any for foreseen good in them; but he had Mercy on whom he would have Mercy, and whom he would he harden'd; and who may say to him what doest thou?

2 Tim. 1. 9.

Rom. 9. 18.
Matth. 20. 15.
Job 9. 12.
40. 2.

Question 5. *What difference then is there between the Elect and others, that we may know them?*

Answer; There is no difference between the Elect and others by Nature, all are alike the Children of Wrath, under Sin, shut up under the Law till Faith comes; the difference is made only by Grace, which causeth the Elect in the time appointed to believe in Christ, that they may be justified by Faith in him.

Rom. 3. 9.
Gal. 3. 10 22,
23,24.

Rom. 11. 5, 6.
1 Cor. 4. 7.
Gal. 1. 15.
2. 16.
3. 24.

Question 6. *But if I am Elect, may I not live as I will, and yet be saved?*

Answer. All that are elected to Salvation, are elected also to the Means of Salvation, being chose to be say'd thro' Faith in Christ, and Sanctification

2 Thess. 2. 13.
1 Pet. 1. 2.

Rom. 6. 17, 18.
Acts 15. 9, 11.
Rom. 8. 1. 14.

of the Spirit unto Obedience, which Faith all the Elect shall have to purifie their hearts, so that they *cannot* live after the flesh !

Titus 3. 5.
Eph. 2. 8, 9, 10.
Rom. 8. 6, 14.
Job. 3. 18, 36.
10. 3. 26.

Question 7, *Are the Elect then sav'd for their Faith and Obedience ?*

Answer. The Elect are not sav'd for their Faith and Obedience, but they are sav'd *thro'* Faith in Christ in a way of Obedience unto him ; and whosoever live all their life as they list, and do never come to Christ by Faith, nor obey him, they are *not* elected, and can never be sav'd !

Question 8. *But are none sav'd without Faith in Christ ?*

John 3. 18, 36.
Eph. 2. 5. 8.
Gal. 3. 22, 24.
Acts 13. 39, 48
2 Sam. 12. 23.
Psal. 22. 9, 10.
 71. 5, 6.
Luke 1. 37, 44.
 18. 16. 17.
Rom. 4. 16.
Heb. 11. 6.

Answer. G O D hath appointed *only* one way of Salvation, and that is by Grace *thro'* faith in Jesus Christ ; so that *without*, or *before* Faith, none are justified ; *even* the Elect that die in their *infancy*, have Faith wro't in them by the Spirit of G O D, by which they *trust* in Christ ; and all that do not thus come to Christ by true *Faith*, being *already* condemn'd, the Wrath of God abideth on them.

Question 9. *How did the Elect of Old come to Christ before he was born in the World ?*

Heb. 13. 8.
Acts 15. 9, 11.

Answer. The Elect of Old came to Christ, and were sav'd *by faith* in him, *even*

ven as we are now, only they believ'd in Christ as *to come*, and we believe in Christ as *already come*, and now in Heaven at the Right Hand of God, where he ever liveth to make Intercession.

Rom. 3. 22. 25.
4. 22. 24.
Heb. 11. 13.
7. 25.

Question 10. *What is that Faith by which we come to Christ?*

Answer. Faith is a Grace wro't by the Spirit of GOD thro' his Word, in the heart of a poor Sinner, by which the Sinner is made to *renounce* all *Sin*, and other *Confidence*, and to *trust* to, and *rest* upon Christ *alone* for Salvation, whereby he is united to Christ, and so having the Son hath Life.

2 Cor. 4. 17.
Rom. 10. 10, 17
1 Thes. 1. 5, 9.
Phil. 3. 3, 8.
Eph. 1. 13.
3. 17.
Job. 17. 20, 21.
1 John 5. 12.

Question 11. *What accompanies the Souls believing in Christ?*

Answer. Every one that believes in Christ with the heart is *effectually call'd* by the Spirit of Christ, and so is by Faith a *Child* of God, *justified*, *adopted*, *sanctify'd*, and shall be *glorify'd*.

1 Cor. 1. 9.
2 Tim. 1. 9.
John 1. 12.
Gal. 3. 26.
Rom. 8. 2. 15.
30.

Question 12. *How is a Sinner justified, what's *Justification*?*

Answer. In *Justification* the Righteousness of Christ is by the Free Grace of God imputed to the believing Sinner, and *only* to him that believes, for which Suretiship-Righteousness all his Sins are *pardon'd*, and he is accounted perfectly righteous in the sight of God; and so being justified by faith, hath Peace with GOD.

Rom. 3. 21. to 27
4. 23, 24.
Gal. 2. 16.
3. 22, 23.
Acts 13. 38, 39
2 Cor. 5. 21.
Isa. 60. 21.
Rom 5. 1. 19.

Question 13. *How are we Adopted what is Adoption?*

Acts 26. 18.
Rom. 8. 15. 17.
Gal. 4. 7.
John 1. 12.
1 John 3. 1, 2.
Matth. 3. 17.
1 Cor. 3. 21, 23

Answer. In Adoption G O D by his free Grace takes the poor Sinner out of the sinful Family of the *First Adam*, and make him a *Child* of God, and *Joint-heir* with Christ the *Second Adam*, his well-beloved Son, in whom he hath a right to *all* the Priviledges of the Sons of G O D.

Question 14. *How are Believers sanctified, what is Sanctification?*

Rom. 8. 29.
Eph. 4. 23. 24.
2 Cor. 5. 17.
1 Job. 4. 19.
2 Cor. 7. 11.
Ezek. 36. 31.
Rom. 6. 17, 21,
22.

Answer. In Sanctification the Holy Spirit restores the Image of G O D in the heart of a poor Sinner, making him a *New Creature*, renewing the Spirit of his Mind in all *Holiness*, and true *Righteousness*, to love God, to repent of all Sin by *loathing* it, and *turning* from it; and with the heart to obey the Law of God.

Question 15. *When are Believers glorify'd, what's Glorification?*

John 17. 5, 24.
Acts 13. 36.
2 Cor. 5. 1, 2, 4.
Heb. 2. 10.
1 Cor. 15 chap.
Phil. 3. 21.
Matth. 25. 34,
Ec.
1 Thess. 4. 17.

Answer; Glorification is the enjoyment of God for ever in Heaven, by them who have in this life done his *holy will*, whose *Souls* at death are made perfect in Holiness, and their *bodies* being rais'd in Glory at the great day, both Soul and Body shall be united, and they being openly acknowledg'd by Christ, shall be for ever with the Lord!

The Sixth Lesson.

About the Law, and the Gospel.

Question 1.

HOW shall we know the whole Will of God, that we may do it?

Answer.

The whole Will of God is reveal'd in his *written Word*, containing all the Books of the *Old and New Testament*; the *Apolo-crypha* being to be rejected as profane, Old Wives Fables, which turn from the Truth: This Word is the perfect Rule, or *Canon*, which is able to make even a *Child* wise unto Salvation, through Faith which is in Jesus Christ.

Hos. 8. 12.
Isa. 8. 20.
Eph. 2. 20.
1 Tim. 4. 7.
Tit. 1. 14.
Gal. 6. 16.
2 Tim. 3. 15.
17.

Question 2. Why are the Scriptures call'd the Old and the New Testament?

Answer. The Scriptures are call'd the *Old and New Testament*, as they *testifie* of the whole Will of God, both under the *first Testament*, or *Church-Covenant*, before Christ came in the Flesh, and since under the *Second Testament*, or *Church-Covenant*, enlarg'd and renew'd by Christ, wherein,

Isa. 8. 20.
Heb. 8. 6..
to 13.

Col. 2. 14.

Rom. 15. 8.

2 Cor. 3. 7,11.

Mat. 16. 17.

John 16. 3.

1 John 2. 20.

ch. 5. 6.

Luke 24. 32.

1 Cor. 2. 14.

2 Pet. 1. 19,21.

1 Tim. 4. 13,15.

Acts 37. 11.

John 5. 39.

Ps. 119. 9,18.

Eph. 1. 17,18.

1 Cor. 2. 12,13.

1st, All the outward *Levitical* Ceremonies in the *first* Church-Covenant are *taken away*.

2dly, Yet all their Spiritual Privileges in that Covenant are *confirm'd* to us and our *Seed*.

3dly, And glorious *Additions* are made of *Gospel-Grace* to the Church.

Question 3. *How shall we know the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God?*

Answer. The Scriptures of the *Old* and *New* Testament are *only* known aright to be the Word of God, by the witnessing of the Spirit of God in the Heart, to the Testimony which they give of their heavenly *Majesty*, and undoubted *Divinity*.

Question 4. *How shall we come to understand the Mind of God in his Word?*

Answer. We shall come to a *right* Understanding of the Mind of God in his Word, by diligent *reading*, *bearing*, *searching*, and *meditating* therein, with constant *Prayer* to God for Wisdom, *comparing* Scripture with Scripture by the help of the Holy Spirit.

Question 5. *But will not the Learning of Men help to understand the Word of God?*

Answer. A knowledge of the *Hebrew*, and the *Greek Tongues*, in which the Scriptures were *first* written, may be of use to understand the *Letter* of them; but *Philosophy*, and other Learning puffs up, and leads from a dependance on the *Spirit*, who *only* can open our Understanding in the Scriptures.

Question 6. *What are the chief Parts of the Word of God?*

Answer. The whole Word of God may be divided into *Law* and *Gospel*, both which are to be found both in the *Old Testament*, and in the *New*; the *Historical*, and every *other* part of the Word referring, and having a respect some way or other, either to *Law* or *Gospel*.

Col. 2. 8.
1 Cor. 8. 1, 2.
ch. 1. 19, 21.
ch. 2. 4, 10, 11.
Luke 24. 45.

Isa. 8. 20.
with *1 Cor.* 2. 1.
Luke 24. 27.
with *Act.* 10. 43
Gal. 3. 8, 10.
Psal. 119. 96.

Question 7. *What is the Law?*

Answer. The *Law* consists of *all* the *Commands* and *Threatnings* in *all* the *Bible*, not only in the *Old Testament*, but in the *New* also, all which are briefly summ'd up in the *Ten Commandments* given by *Moses*, and explained by *Christ*, his *Apostles*, and *Prophets*.

Psal. 119. 96.
1 Tim. 1. 8, 9,
10.
Gal. 3. 10.
Exod. 20. all.
Mat. 5, 6, and
7 chap.

Question 8. *What is the Summ of the Ten Commandments?*

Eecles. 12. 13,
Deut. 10. 12,
13.
with *Mat. 22.*
37,
38,
39,
40.
Rom. 13. 10.

Answer. The Ten Commandments briefly sum up our Duty to God and *Man*; all which are contained in these Words of our Saviour, Thou shalt love the *Lord* thy God with *all* thy Heart, and with *all* thy Soul, and with *all* thy Mind, and with *all* thy Strength; and thou shalt love thy *Neighbour* as thy self; for *Love* is the fulfilling of the Law.

Question 9. *How shall we aright understand the Ten Commandments?*

Answer. By knowing these three Things we may come to a good Understanding of the Commands:

Psal. 119. 128.
Deut. 6. 13.
with *Lev. 26. 1.*

Rom. 7. 5, 7,
8, 14.
Mat. 5. 21, 22,
27, 28.
Prov. 24. 9.
Gen. 6. 5.
2 *Cot. 10. 5.*

1 John 3. 4.
James 2. 10.
Mat. 23. 23.

- 1st, That every Command for *Duty* forbids the contrary *Sin*, and every Command which forbids *Sin*, obliges to the contrary *Duty*.
2. By knowing that every Command reacheth the *very Heart*, not only forbidding the outward *Sin*, and commanding outward *Obedience*, but even the *Thoughts* and *Motions* of *Sin* *within* us are forbidden, and the *Obedience* of the *Heart* is required therein.
3. By considering that *any* *Transgression* of the Law, or the *least want* of whatsoever the Law requires is *Sin*.

Question

Question 10. *Can any Man obey the Commandments perfectly?*

Answer. Those that think the Law forbids only outward Sins, and know not the *Spirituality* of it, they think that they can perform *all*; but such as feel that the Command reacheth the very *Heart*, forbidding every sinful *Thought*, and commanding us even in our *Spirit* to fear God, they know, and are sure, that no *meer Man* can perfectly keep the Law.

Question 11. *Why then were the Commands given by Moses, if no Man can perfectly obey them?*

Answer. Moses did not give the Law as a Covenant of Works, that we should obey it for Life, but as a *Schoolmaster* for *Three Ends*:

1st, *To shew us our miserable State by Nature*, that we are all Sinners against the holy Law of God.

2. *To make us despair of Salvation in our selves*, and to fly to Christ for help.

3. *The Law was given as a Rule of Life*, to order all our Conversation by at all times.

And this is the *only* right Use of the Law.

Question.

Mat. 19, 20.
Rom. 7. 9, 10,
11.

Jer. 4. 14.
Prov. 23. 16.
Rom. 3. 10, 20.
Eccl. 7. 20.

Gal. 3. 24.

Rom. 3. 9, 19.
chap. 7. 8.

Rom. 3. 19, 20.
chap. 5. 20.

Psal. 119. 45,
105, 133.

1 Tim. 1. 8.

Luke 2. 10,11.
Acts 20. 24.
Rom. 10. 15.
 with *Isa. 52. 7.*
Acts 13. 23,39.
 chap. 3. 18.

Acts 20. 24.
1 Tim. 1. 5,10.
Psal. 19. 7,8,9.
Mat. 22. 37,
 40.
Mark 1. 15.
Gal. 3. 24.

Mat. 5. 17,
 18,
 19,
 20.
Luke 16. 17.
Phil. 3. 9.
Gal. 2. 16,21.

Question 12. What is the Gospel?

Answer. The Gospel is the Glad Tidings of Salvation by Jesus Christ, containing *all* the free Promises and Invitations of Grace, whether in the *Old Testament*, or in the *New*.

Question 13. But are not Faith, Repentance, and Love, the Commands of the Gospel?

Answer. The Gospel strictly taken for Glad Tidings of Salvation by Jesus Christ, hath *no* Commands; Faith, Repentance, Love, and *all* Duties whatsoever being commanded by the *Law*; yet in preaching the Gospel these Commands must be urg'd to lead to Christ.

Question 14. But is not the Gospel a new Law, offering Salvation on the easier Terms of our sincere Obedience?

Answer. It is the Heresie of the *Papists*, and their *Followers*, to say, that the good old righteous Law of God is taken away, to make room for a *new Gospel Law* by our sincere Obedience whereto any can be sav'd; for if Righteousness comes by our Obedience to *any Law*, Christ is dead in vain.

Question

Question 15. *But are not Faith, Repentance, and New Obedience reckoned for our Gospel Righteousness.*

Answer. The only Righteousness for which a Sinner is sav'd, is the Righteousness of Christ receiv'd by Faith, and imputed to us; the *Act* of Faith doth not justify, but Christ the *Object* by Faith apprehended, and rested upon; and this *Faith* is ever accompanied with *true Repentance*, and *new Obedience*.

Gal. 2. 16.
Rom. 3. 20,
21,22.
Jer. 23. 6.
1 Cor. 1. 30.
2 Cor. 7. 11.
Eph. 4. 22,24.

Question 16. *Then thos: that receive the Gospel, are to do good Works?*

Answer. Those that receive the Gospel, should be *careful* to maintain good Works, done from a *Principle* of Faith unto God's Glory; but *all Commands* for all good Works, with *all Threatnings* for the neglect thereof, are from the *Law*, which is the *Rule of Life* to all.

Tit. 2. 11, 12.
3. 8, 14.
1 Cor. 10. 31.
1 Tim. 1. 5,8,
9.
Rom. 7. 12,22.
1 Cor. 9. 21.
Mat. 5. 19.

Question 17. *How shall we walk according to this Rule, that we may glorifie God?*

Answer. Christ hath set up his *Churches*, in which we should walk blameless in *all* the *Ordinances* and *Commands*

1 Pet. 2. 3, 5,
9, 12.
Luke 1. 6.

Mat. 12. 50.
Act. 2. 42.
11. 26.
Gal. 6. 16.
Mal. 4. 4.
2 Cor. 9. 13.

mands of God, not being *partial* in his Law, but esteeming the Commands as highly in the *Old* Testament as in the *New*, both being our Rule; and such only are call'd *Christians* in the Scripture, and to be accounted *visible Believers*, who *profess* their Subjection to Christ in his Church.

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*The Seventh Lesson.**About Glorifying God in his Churches.*

Question 1.

*What is the Church of Christ?**Answer.*

The Church of Christ is either,

1st, The *Catholick Church*, consisting of *all*, and *only* the *Elect*, which is and will be invisible till the *Judgment-Day* : Or2^{dly}, The *visible Church*, which consisted *first* in *Families*, then in the *whole Nation* of the *Jews*; and since Christ ascended, it consists in *particular Congregations*.*Eph. 1. 22,23.**5. 25,27.**2 Thes. 2. 1.**Gen. 17.7,10.**Act. 7. 38.**Rev. 1. 11.*Question 2. *What makes a Congregation a true Church of Christ?**Answer.* More *generally*, and briefly two Things go to the due Constitution of every Church of Christ, *Scripture Faith*, and*Col. 2. 5,6.*

and *Order*, without *both* which there can be *no* true Church : But more largely, and *particularly*, to the regular Constitution of every true Church, these

* *Seven* things are necessary :

* *Prov. 9. 1.*
These are the
Churches *Seven*
Pillars.

Right Foundation,
Matter,
Form,
Officers,
Ordinances,
Order, and
Ends.

S E C T. I.

Of the Right Foundation of a Church.

Question 3. *What is the Right Foundation of a Church of Christ ?*

Mat. 16. 18.
Isa. 26. 4. Marg.
Eph. 2. 20.
2 Pet. 3. 2.
P 518. 2. 2.
Col. 2. 19.
1 Pet. 2. 4, 5.
1 Cor. 3. 11.

Answer. The right Foundation of every true Church, is the *Person* of Christ, the *Rock* of Ages, on whom the Church is built, according to the *Precepts* and *Practices* of the *Apostles* and *Prophets*; Christ himself being the *only* Support and *Head* thereof, on whom the Faith of the Church stands; and *all* other Foundations of Money, Power, and Policy, not being of God, will fall.

S E C T.

S E C T. II.

Of the right **Matter** of a Church.

Question 4. *What is the right Matter of a Church of Christ?*

Answer. So many professing Believers of *one* Mind, and *one* Judgment, with their immediate *Infant-Seed*, as can conveniently assemble together to worship in *one* place, and *no* more, are the only right *Matter* of a *visible* Church of God; who loving the *Fathers*, chose their *Children* after them; therefore the *Infant-Seed*, with Believers, stand in a Relation to God in his Church; for of *such* is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Rom. 10.9,10.
1 Cor. 1. 10.
 7. 14.
Jer. 32.39.
Deut. 29. 10,
 12.
1 Cor. 14. 23.
 and 11. 20.
Deut. 4. 37.
Psal. 102. 27,
 28.
Ezek. 16. 20,
 21.
Luke 18. 16.

S E C T. III.

Of the Right **Form** of a Church.

Quest. 5. *What is the right Form of a Church of Christ?*

Answer. The only right forming of a Church is by *Covenant*, in which *all* do give up themselves and their *Children* to the Lord, and to each other by his Will, to be the *Lord's People*, and to walk after him in *all* his ways; by such a *Covenant* were

Psal. 50. 5.
Deut. 29. 1,9,
 15.
2Cor. 8.5. with
2Chron. 23.16.
 and 34. 31.

Neb. 10. 1, 29.
with *Act* 11. 23.
Jer. 50. 5.
with *Act* 9. 26.
Heb. 8. 6. 13.
Eph. 4. 3. with
Ezek. 20. 37.
Neb. 9. 38.
Ezek. 43. 11.

were the Churches both in the *Old* and in the *New* Testament form'd, call'd in God's Word the *First* and *Second* Covenant, and this being the *Bond* of the Churches Peace, it is most expedient to have written in our sight, that we may *keep* it, and *do* it.

S E C T. IV.

Of the right Officers of a Church.

Quest. 6. Who are the right Officers of a Church of Christ?

Phil. 1. 1.

Answer. Christ hath appointed for each Church only two sorts of Officers,

A { **Pastor**, and
Deacon.

Eph. 4. 11.
1 Pet. 5. 2, 3.
Acts 20. 28.
1 Cor. 12. 28.

Acts 6. 2, 3.
1 Tim. 3. all.

Acts 14. 23.

1st, A **Pastor**, or *Bishop*, not to *Lord* over, but to feed, teach, and rule that Flock to which he is related; assisted in his Work by *Elders*, if need be.

2d, **Deacons** to take Care of the outward Affairs of the Church.

These Officers to be *chosen* by the Church from among themselves, and by them to be *ordain'd*, or set a part to their Work,

Work, with *Fasting* and *Praying*; without *laying on of Hands*; that Ceremony being *no* more to be us'd, than *washing* of Feet, or *anointing* with *Oyl*; because the glorious *Gifts* that once attended it, are long since ceas'd.

Profit not,
1 Cor. 12. 7.
Edifie not.
1 Cor. 14.12,26

SECT. V.

Of the Right Ordinances of a Church.

Question 7. *What are the Right Ordinances of a Church of Christ?*

Answer. The Right Ordinances for the *Worship* of **GOD** in the Church are Eight; *Four* being more *general*, to be dispense'd every *first* day of the Week, in which all may join; And *four* more *special*, to be *confin'd* to, or kept within the *pale* of the *Church*, and dispense'd according to the *Months*.

Typify'd
Ezek. 40. 39,
40, 41, 42.
chap. 46. 3.
Ezek. 47. 12.

Question 8. *What are the Four general Ordinances in which all may join?*

Answer. The Four *general* Ordinances are

Praise,
Prayer,
Preaching, And
Contribution.

Psal. 150. 6.

Epb. 5. 19.

Col. 3. 16.

Psalm 65. 2.

Rom. 8. 26.

Matth. 6. 7,9.

2 Tim. 4. 2.

Acts 28. 23.

1 Cor. 16. 1,3.

Heb. 13. 16.

Matth. 7. 6.

Can. 4. 12.

Matth. 16. 19.

Epb. 4. 11,16.

typify'd

Eze. 46. 21,24.

Acts 20. 28.

1 Pet. 5. 2.

1st. Praise, By singing only the *Psalms, Hymns* and *Songs* indited by the *Spirit*, and contain'd in the *Scripture*.

2. Prayer By the help of the *Spirit*, without *humane forms*, according to the *Pattern* given by our *Lord* to his *Disciples*.

3. Preaching By *rightly dividing*, *expounding* and *applying* the *Scrip-tures* of *Truth*.

4. Contribution By *laying by* in *Store*, as *God* prospers *each Week*, to be *Communicated* at the *Publick Gatherings*.

Question 9. *What are the Four special Ordinances confin'd only to the Church?*

Answer. The four *special Ordinances* confin'd by *Christ* within the *Pale* of his *Church*, are the Two **Seals** call'd *Sacraments*; and the Two **Keys** of the *Church*; the *Seals* to be dispense'd to each *Church* by their *own Pastour* only, and the *Keys* by their *own Pastour* or *Elders*.

Question

Question 10. *What are the Seals of the Church?*

Answer. The *Seals* of the Church are *Two*

Baptism,
And the
Lord's Supper.

1st. **Baptism** for every Believer or Church-Member, and their immediate *infant-seed*, by *sprinkling* or *pouring* Water *only* on the Face, in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

2. The **Lord's Supper**, for such *only* in a Church as can examine themselves, wherein *Bread* and *Wine* is receiv'd, according to the *Institution* of Christ by *all* the Church sitting together in the *Evening* time.

Question 11. *How are Baptism and the Lord's Supper call'd Seals?*

Answer. *Baptism* and the *Lord's Supper* are *Seals* of the *Covenant*, (that is, of the *Church-Covenant*) as they Seal to *all* an *outward* relation in the *Church*; tho' to the *Elect only* they Seal *Salvation*:

Act. 2. 39,41.
chap. 16. 15,33.
Isa. 44. 3.
Rev. 14. 1.
Matth. 28.19.
with Isa. 52.15.
1Cor. 10.1.2.

1Cor. 11. chap.
23d verse to
the end.

1Cor. 10.2,3,4

Gal. 3. 27.
1 Cor. 1. 2.
 & 7. 14.
with 12. 12.
Heb. 12. 24.
Ezek. 36. 25.
1 Pet. 3. 21.

1 Cor. 10. 16, 17
and 11. 26.

Luke 22. 19,
20.

Matth. 18. 18.

Acts 2. 42.
Isa. 26. 2.
Jer. 51. 10.
Psal. 40. 9, 10.
 66. 16.
1 Cor. 14. 12.
 29, 31. 34.

1st. Baptism Seals to *Church-Members*, and their Seed an *outward relation* to Christ in the *Church Covenant*; and to the *Elect* also their *saving-relation* to Christ by his *Blood sprinkled*, And his *Spirit pour'd* upon them :

2. The Lord's Supper seals to *Church-Members*, their *outward Relation* to Christ in the *Church*; tho' *only* the *Elect* are seal'd to *Salvation* therein, by Christ's *Body* broken, and his *Blood* shed for them, *trusted* to by *Faith*, and *signify'd* by the *Bread* and *Wine*.

Question 12. What are the Keys of the Church?

Answer. The *Keys* committed by Christ to his *Church* are *two*,

Fellowship, And Censure.

1st, Fellowship, in *Church-Meetings*, is the *Key* for *opening* the *Door* of the *Church*, to let in the *Righteous* that keep the *Truth*, in which their *Experiences* are given in to the *Church*, and the *Brethren's Gifts* are also exercis'd in *Praying*, and *Prophecyng*.

2. **Censure** is the *Key* to shut the Door of the Church upon Offenders, By **Admonition**, By **Withdrawing**, or By **Cutting off** in Excommunication, as the *Offence* doth require.

Matth. 11.15,
18.
1 *Thess. 5. 14.*
2 *Thess. 3. 6.*
1 *Cor. 5. 4,5.*
Psal. 149.6,9.
Jude 22, 23.

S E C T. VI.

Of the Right Order of a Church.

Question 13. *What is the right Order of a Church of Christ?*

Answer. All the right *Order* of a Church must be taken from the written *Word* of God, both from the *Old Testament* and *New*, which together are the *compleat Rule*, and *Canon*, whereby *all* things must be order'd in the Church; and by this Rule, or *Canon*, of the *Prophets*, and *Apostles*, the *old Testament* and the *new*, the whole *Israel* of God must walk, as ever they'd have the *Peace* of God with them, therefore *all* Orders, Rules, and *Canons* given by *Popes*, *Councils*, or *any other whatsoever*, are *confusion*, if not according to *this Word*.

Psal. 119.128.
Gal. 6. 16.
with Mal.4.6.
2 *Tim.3,15,17*
Ephes. 2. 20.
2 *Pet. 3. 2.*
Gal. 6. 16,
Isa. 8. 20.
Matth. 15.9.
Zeob. 7. 12.
Jer. 8. 8, 9.

S E C T. VII.

Of the right **Ends** of a Church.

Question 14. *What are the right Ends of a Church of Christ?*

Ephes. 3. 21.
1 Cor. 14. 26.
Col. 2. 3, 4.
Pbi. 2 5. 10, 11.
Psalm 110. 3.
Isa. 45. 23.
with Rom. 14. 11.
Ezek. 20. 37.
Rev. 14. 1.
1 John 4. 3.
Matth. 12. 30.

Answer. The *Glory* of God, and the mutual *Edification* of his *Saints*, without any regard to human *Interest*, are the *only* right *Ends* all true *Churches* should set before them ; to advance which, 'tis the *Duty* of every one that hath *Faith* in the *Heart*, openly to profess a *willing* *Subjection* to *Christ* in his *Church*, so coming under the *Bond* of the *Church-Covenant*, they take the *Father's Mark* in the *Forehead*, and such only are *visible* *Christians*, for he that is not *for Christ* by *open* *Profession*, is *against him*.

Question 15. *What time hath God allotted to his Church for worshipping him?*

Gen. 2. 3.
Ezod. 20. 9, 10.
Matth. 12. 8.
Job. 20. 19, 20.
Acts 20. 7.
Rev. 1. 10.
Psal. 118. 24.
Heb. 4. 7, 11.
typify'd.
Ezek. 43. 27.
and Numb. 29.

35.

Answer. The *Lord* hath appointed in his word *one Day* in *seven* for his *solemn Service* : which *Day* before *Christ's Resurrection* was the *last Day* of the *Week*, but is since by the *Lord of the Sabbath* chang'd to the *First-Day*, in *Scripture* call'd the *Lord's-Day*, because on that *Day* our *Lord* *rested* from his *work of Redemption*, therefore all *Christians* should keep the *Lords-Day* as a *holy rest* from *Sin*, by attending on *Christ* in his *publick Worship*, and *resting* in his *Grace*.

Question

Question 16. But is there no other time for worshipping God in publick?

Answer. The Lord hath commanded us to *redeem* the time, and to wait on him *out* of Season as well as *in* Season; therefore every good Christian should improve *all* Opportunities on *any* Day of the Week, for hearing the Word of God, and worshipping him in the *Assemblies* of his Saints.

Question 17. But is a Christian only to worship God in publick?

Answer. GOD hath made it the Duty of *all* Men to *study* his holy Word, and to *pray* unto him in *secret*, as well as to *worship* him in *publick*; Therefore *Masters* of Families, and *Parents* should instruct their *Children* and *Servants* in the holy Fear of God, praying *daily* with their Families; for the *Curse* of God resteth upon *all* those Families that Call not upon his Name.

Question 18. And shall all in Christ's visible Church on Earth, be glorify'd in Heaven?

Answer. There are in Christ's visible Church *Two* sorts of Worshippers:

1st. Such as Worship God *hypocritically* in the outward only, who shall be cast down into *Hell* as Deceivers of others, and their own Souls;

2. Such as Worship God *uprightly*, with the *heart*, as well as *outwardly*, these shall be glorify'd with God for ever in Heaven.

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Ephes. 5. 16.
2 Tim. 4. 2.
as Acts 13.
42 Margent.
Prov. 8.34.
Psal. 84.4,10.

John 5. 39.
Mat. 6. 5,6,7.
Gen. 18. 19.
Jos. 24. 15.
Eph. 6. 4, 18.
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1Chr.16.40,43
Jer. 10.25.

Eze.33.31,33.
Matth. 24. 51.

John 4. 24.
Matth. 25. 46.
John 17. 24.

Question 19. *But when will the difference between the good and the bad appear?*

2 Tim. 4. 1.
Dan. 2. 44.
Rev. 21. 10.
20. 2.
Mal. 3. 17, 18.
4. 1. 3.
Rev. 20. 12,
13, 14.
2 Cor. 5. 10.
Mark. 13. 41,
43.
25. 31. to end.

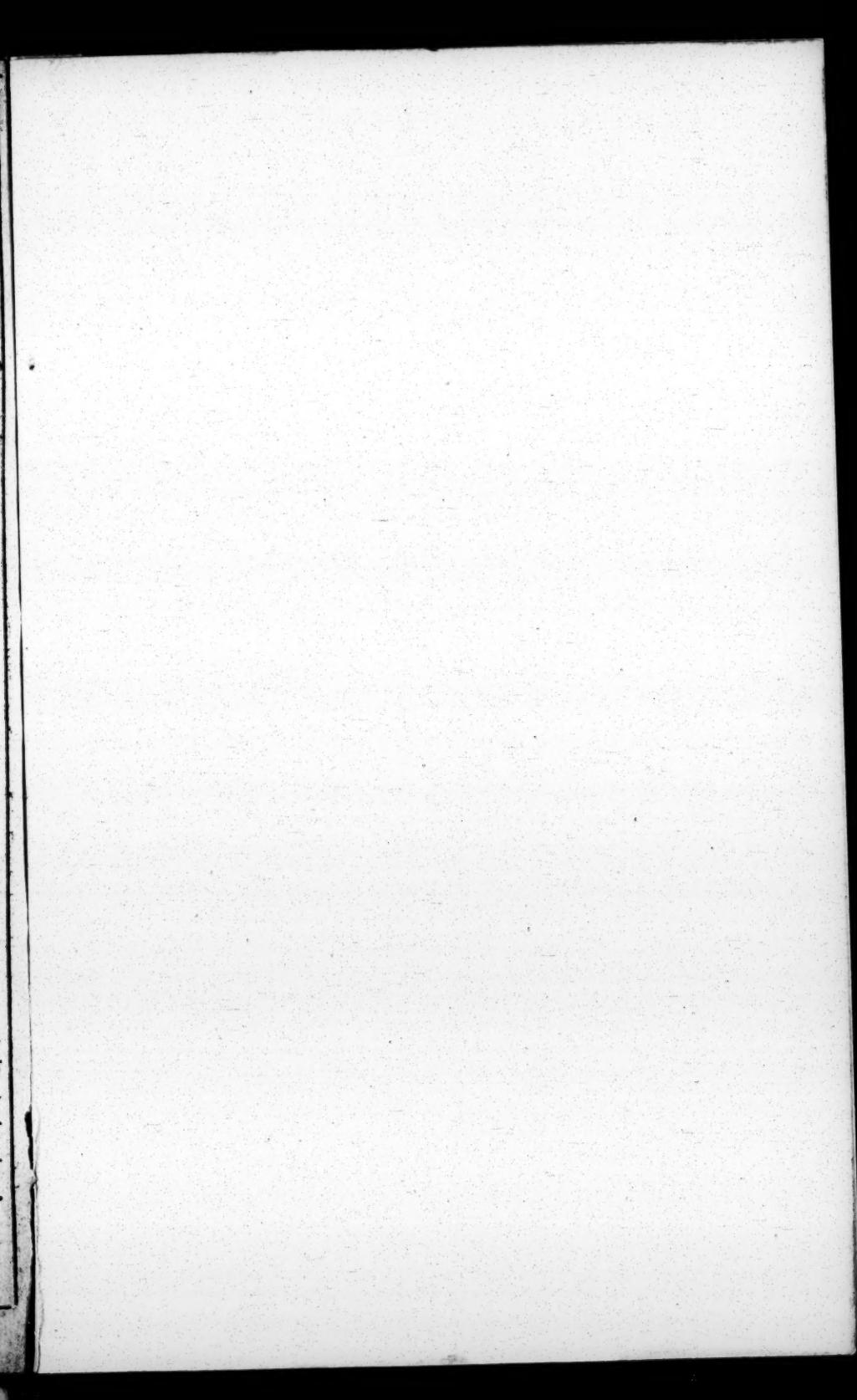
Answer. The Word of God declares that in the latter day Christ shall have a glorious Kingdom, call'd the *New Jerusalem*, when Satan being Chain'd up a *Thousand Years*, we shall discern between the *precious* and the *vile*; and all the Dead being rais'd in the day of *Judgment* shall be Sentenc'd by him; the wicked into Everlasting Fire, with the Devil and his *Angels*; but the *righteous* he will receive into *Glory* with himself for ever, *A M E N!*

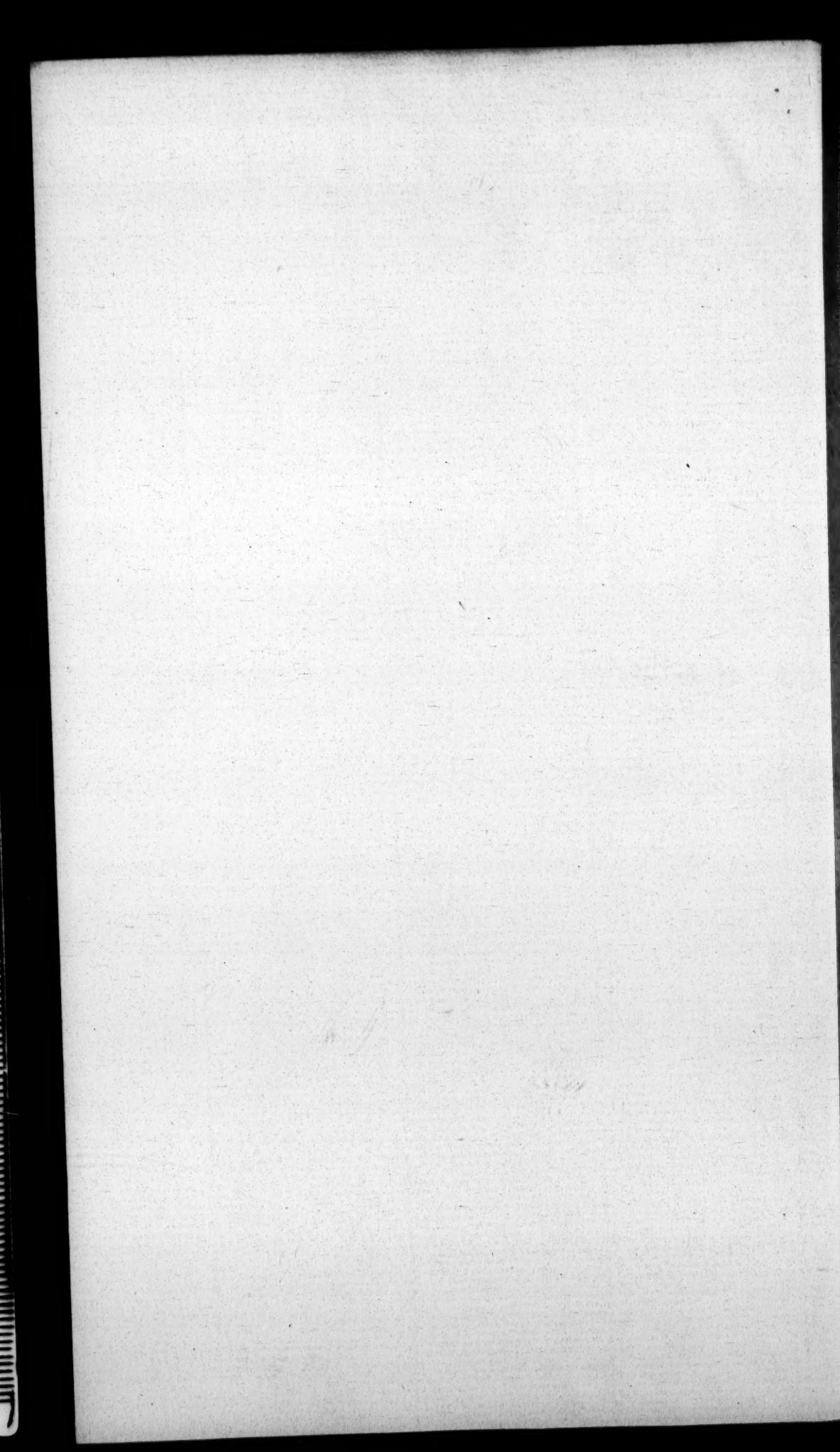
I John 5. 21.
 Little Children keep your selves from Idols. *Amen!*

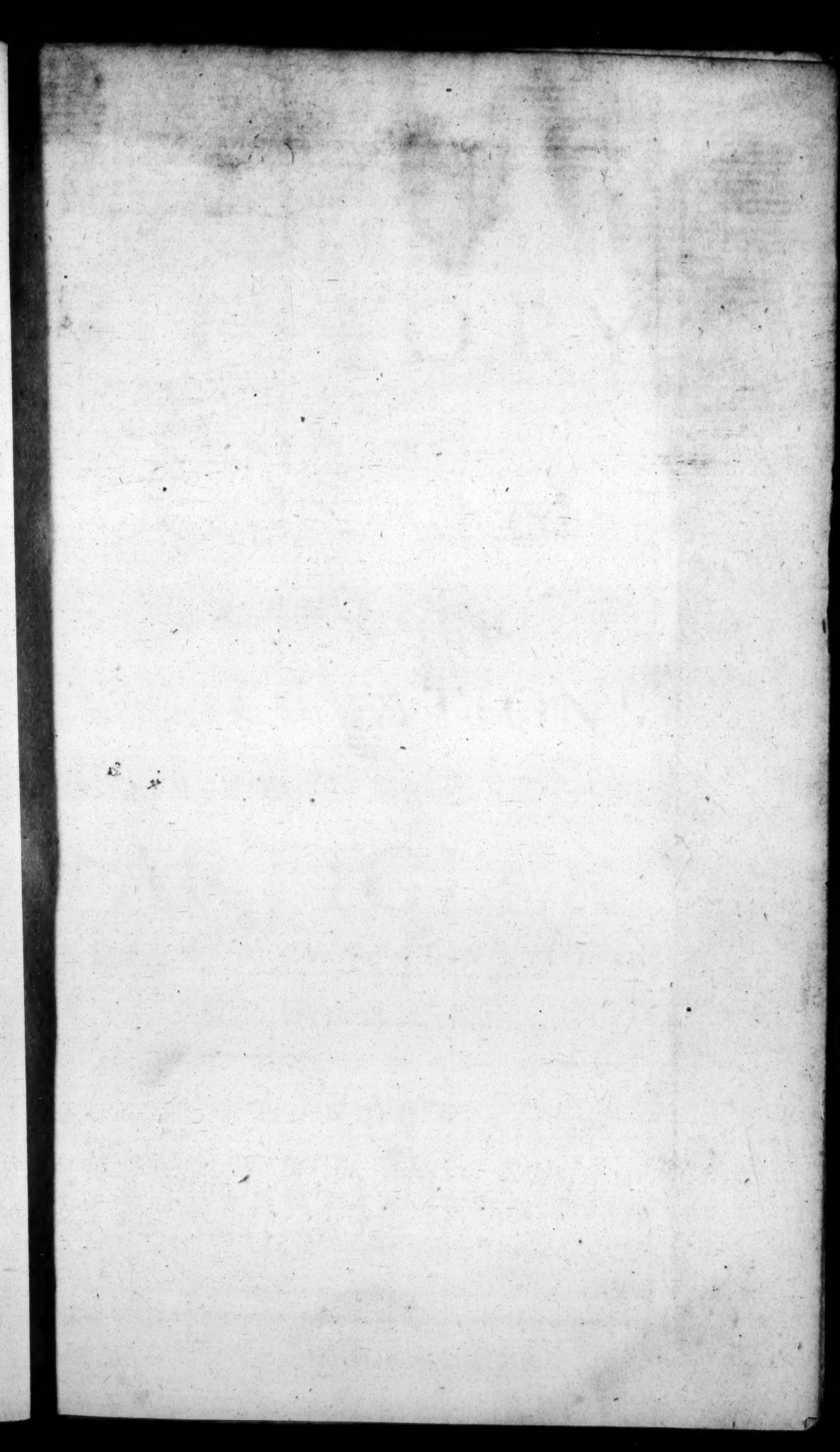
2, 3 John 4.
 I have no greater Joy, than to hear that my *Children* walk in Truth as We have receiv'd a Commandment from the Father.

Jude 24, 25.
 Now unto him that is able to keep you from *falling*, and to present you *faultless* before the *Presence* of his *Glory* with exceeding Joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be *Glory*, and *Majesty*, *Dominion*, and *Power*, both now and ever. *Amen.*

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